The Giant Cherry Tree of Santa Clara

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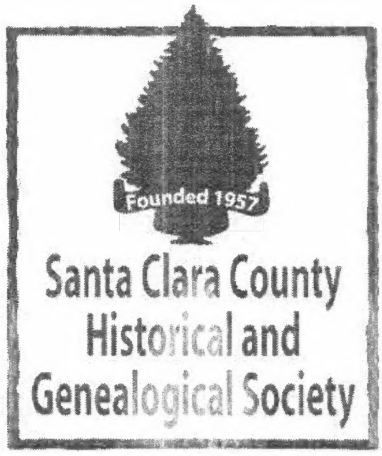

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The largest cherry tree in Santa Clara County stands on Dr. A. T. Sunzeri's cherry ranch on the west end of the Meridian road, south of Willow Glen. This tree, still bearing abundantly, was planted in 1861 by Charles Desimone.

In 1907 Salvatore Sunzeri, father of Dr. Sunzeri, bought the ranch and it is still in the family possession. The tree is eighty-three feet in height, fifteen feet in circumference, and five feet in diameter.

Its yearly bearing has been an average of 2000 lbs - one ton. The fruit is choice and sweet, and due to its age, its size and its abundant bearing, it is estimated to be the greatest cherry producer in Santa Clara County, and perhaps the whole state of California.

To reach this ranch and the tree, it is best to go west from San Jose on San Carlos street to Meridian Road, then south until the end. Here, on the west side of this road, is Sunzeri's ranch.

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